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In re patent application of:

Plutzky, *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/940,858

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: **Oxidized Forms of Retinoic Acid as Ligands
for Peroxisome Proliferator Activated
Receptor Gamma**

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Channavajjala, L.

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph appearing on lines 5-6 on page 1 of the application to read as follows:

-- The present application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application numbers 60/228,763, filed on August 30, 2000 and 60/246,067, filed on November 7, 2000. --

In the Claims

Please add new claims 24-30 as follows:

-- 24. A method of preventing the formation of atherosclerotic lesions in a patient undergoing a heart transplantation, comprising administering an effective amount of a

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